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2010-2011 OFFICERS

AMERICAN LEGION

Commander
Oliver Taylor
1st Vice Commander
Tom Wilkie
3rd Vice Commander
Virgil Swope II
Finance Officer
Sid Gauna

AUXILIARY

President
Esther Ouellette

Secretary
Evelyn Cummings
Treasurer
Carol Goss

SALS

Commander
Tommy Dees
1st Vice Commander
TBA
Adjutant
Pierre Duco
Finance Officer
Pierre Duco

POST HOURS

Monday & Wednesday Through Sunday Open 3:00 P.M.

COMMANDER'S NOTES



“What’s Happening?”

The very first thing I would like to do in this article is to “Welcome Aboard” Walt McBride as Editor of the Bugle. Walt has assumed these duties, reliving long time Editor Jerry Hoosier. Except for a very short stint Jerry has filled the position of Editor for as long as I have been a member of the Post. “Thank You Jerry for a Job WELL DONE”. I would also like to Welcome Tom Rice to the Officer Ranks of the Post. You stepped up and assumed the office of “Historian” Thank you for serving. Just for information Gil Flores has assumed full responsibility for “Boy’s State” relieving Tom Wilkie. Speaking of Boy’s State the preparations for this year’s event are in full swing. In the past, the Post has always provided funding for four (4) fine young men to participate. Because of money constraints this year and without more of YOUR HELP the Post will not be able to meet this goal. Letters soliciting contributions have been sent to corporate sponsors but that will not cover the entire cost. Contributions will be gladly accepted.

Mail to the Finance Officer at the Post, marked “Boy’s State”. Thank you for your support in this valuable effort in advance.

The mark of a good leader is getting people to respond to requests to accomplish certain tasks. The Post is going through some tumultuous times right now and we need all the support from the membership we can muster. I personally need your participation at

Post Meetings. There is much work to be done and a real need for an “All Hands On Deck” evolution. There has been an American Legion Post 132 in existence for many many years. If participation does not improve I can see the Post having to close its doors. Won’t you please come and offer your suggestion/ideas/support in these dire times?

As I said before, next month (April 21st) will be first nomination of Post Officers for 2011 – 2012. Again, we need “fresh blood” with fresh ideas to step forward. Pay is not worth mentioning (there is none) but the satisfaction of a job well done is immeasurable. That’s 30 for this time, but remember.

“Keep the faith”

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1st VICE-COMMANDER

(Membership)

Hi, I'm Tom Wilkie
Last year's 2nd Vice-Commander
And Past 3rd Vice-Commander



Good news! Our Post Oratorical winner, Joe Casson, a junior at Servite High & a resident of Villa Park also was declared the winner of District 29's Contest held on January 30th; Joe then represented our district at the Area Contest, held at Redlands Post 595 on Feb. 13th—more in the Bugle next month.

On Feb. 26th our Post held its Boys State interviews, to select junior high boys whom we plan to send to Sacramento for one week, from June 18 -25, 2011. This year the annual Boys State Dinner will be held at Newport Harbor Post 291, at 215 E. 15th Street, on Saturday, March 19th; let me or Gil Flores know if you plan to attend, so we can give you more information, as to cost & directions if needed.

Post 132, your post, is short of funds, due to plumbing repair costs and other expenses which has drained our reserves, so we ask you to send in a donation of \$50., or more, to enable us to send boys to Boys State this year. It costs over \$500. for transportation, lodging and food to send each boy to Sacramento, for this extremely worthwhile event in each boy's life—send in a donation now, if you are able to.

Remember, we are members of the American Legion in order to help each other, and to help our communities and nation.

Tom Wilkie, 1st V.C.
(714) 283-8660

2nd VICE-Commander
Virgil Swope, II



From the desk of the Second Vice Commander & Building Manager:

With the month of February behind us, we have had another unexpected expense. There was an electrical short which cost approximately \$860 to repair. Yes, I have been spending money in order to prop up the building. It is either that or close it. I hope the Adjutant intended his remark about me spending money in jest because building maintenance is necessary. We could close the post and save repair costs, but that isn't the answer either.

Our Friday night dinners have been a little better attended, but we haven't made any money on them. I suspect that we won't until we sell 40 or 50 meals. We need the money from food sales to off-set the cost of the entertainment we provide each week. I have recommended to the E- board that we consider a cover charge to those who don't have dinner. Live music is a lot of fun, but it is also costly. Do you have a suggestion as to another form of entertainment which would cost less?

I think it is time we question our SAL squadron. They haven't had a meeting for months. I was told that, because we terminated a bar tender, the SALs will no longer support our club room and will drink elsewhere. I have been a member here for a few years and am not aware of much they have contributed for our post in that time. Some of our Auxiliary members also have forgotten that their mission is to support the post in its endeavors. The building and club room are the property of the post and the post's officers are responsible for making all decisions for keeping it going. If you have been an Auxiliary member for 10 or 15 years and feel put upon because your authority has been questioned, so be it. Therein lies a problem. We can't continue to do things a certain way simply because that's the way we've always done them. It is time we get on with the mission of the American Legion. We need to reach out to homeless veterans, deployed service men and women and their families who need extra food and funds. Friday night dinners and dances are nice. However, the post is not just a social club. The only veterans outreach activity that I'm aware of that our post engages in is the VA Hospital visitation. We do several programs for the community's youth. Why don't I see evidence of things we do for our deployed service people's families?

On a more positive note, we need any dated pictures or documents of past functions held in our building. The city has called our post's operations into question and we need to prove to them that our mission is, and always has been, to provide services for the American veteran and, therefore, that the usage of our building has not changed. We could also use written declarations that state dates and events by anyone who has knowledge of the usage. We need to show a time-line

Virgil M. Swope, II
2nd Vice Commander/ Building Manager

Semper Fi!

3rd VICE-COMMANDER

Gil Flores



I have been working two major programs on behalf of Post 132 ; the annual National High School Oratorical Contest and the Boys State Program. Both programs are well underway. The District Oratorical Contest was held at our post on January 30, 2011. As you may have heard, our post candidate, Joe Casson a junior at Servite High School, was the winner at the district contest and will represent our post at the Area Contest in Redlands, CA on February 13, 2011. The address for the Area Contest is: Redlands AL Post 106, 814 W. Colton Ave., Redlands, CA. Contest starts at 12 noon. Your attendance at this event to support Joe is welcomed.

The Boys State program is also progressing on schedule. The quota for Orange Post 132 is three delegates this year. Accordingly, we are working hard to obtain funding to send these young men to Sacramento. It costs about \$500 each to send our delegates to Sacramento, and we are soliciting donations not only from prior supporters, but **members of our post as well**. Post members sending donations should address them to:

American Legion Orange Post 132 Boys State Chair – Gil Flores 143 S. Lemon St. Orange, CA 92866

Your donations will go a long way in ensuring a successful Boys State program for our post, and are sincerely appreciated. So please, if you can, send a personal donation to support this important and life-learning program for our youth.

Finally, I am working on the Children's Easter Party to be held at our post in April. More information will be provided in next month's bugle. Thank you for your support of Post 132, and please attend our monthly post meetings. Things are on the upswing!

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

(Jerry Hoosier 714 997 3337)

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This is my favorite part of the Bugle. Thank you to those members who have the means for supporting veterans and our Children and Youth programs. We received donations for the Hospital this month from **Dr. Kenneth Fortman, Dr William Olson, Mrs. and Mrs. Boland, John Ball and Gordon Talmadge**. Not only did **Gordon** contribute to the **VA Hospital** but he pitched in a healthy sum to support sending **Junior High School boys to Sacramento** for a week to study our **state government**. Past Commander, **Sid Gauna**, also chipped in some pesos to the Boy's State venture. Thanks Sid. My Irish colleen, **Elizabeth**, supported the Post by going to the hospital last month. Anyone wishing to participate please call me and I'll fit you in as to the schedule.

The VA sent us a letter requesting donations so injured veterans can attend and compete in the Winter Games Ski Clinic, The golden Age Games, The National Veteran Wheelchair Games, Summer Sports Clinic, a new patient Golf Program and the National Creative Arts Competition. The purpose is to train the injured veteran how to use parts of their bodies thought lost and to develop friendships, social bonds, physical strength, special skills and self-esteem that will improve the quality of their life. Donation checks should be sent to: Chief, Voluntary Service. LBVA AMC, 5901 E 7th St, Long Beach, CA 90822.

The cuisine for the Friday night dinners is at an all time high. After Pete and Rachael put on a steak night out (\$10 for a dinner that would have cost you \$20 at any restaurant) Jenny Guajardo was conscripted in preparing the food. Jenny, for those of you who don't know is a chef having trained both here and in France. The other night she had pasta with three different types of sauce. Did I ever dig into the Fettuccini Alfredo!

It seems it's always about money. It costs approximately \$225 to mail out the Bugle each month. This is after we started sending it out electronically to about 75 of our members. The Bugle is paid out of the members dues. The Post keeps \$8.50 of your dues. The rest goes to National. If you multiply \$8.50 times 400 members the annual receipts are \$3400. The annual cost of printing and distributing the Bugle is \$2700. That means there is \$700 left to fund the Children's Christmas, Easter, Halloween parties, the Oratorical contest, Boy's State and the VA Hospital to name a few. (This will help you understand why I am always begging for money for the VA hospital visits) What is being proposed is that we impose a surcharge on members who do not have electronic mail but wish to receive a hard copy. **Before undertaking such a venture I would like your comments. I would prefer solutions but will accept your opinion.**

**Clubroom Manager,
Bill Hancock, says:**

The super bowl party was very disappointing. Very few members showed up to celebrate the Packers' win. We now have draft beer so come on down & support the Legion. We need all the support we can get.

Clubroom Manager
Bill Hancock

**BUS TRIP TO THE
PALA CASINO**

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

**LEAVE FROM: AMERICAN LEGION POST
143 S. LEMON
ORANGE**

PARK IN AMERICAN LEGION POST PARKING LOT

BUS LEAVES 7:30A.M. SHARP,

Please BE THERE BY 7:00 A.M

FEE IS \$11.00 PER PERSON

WHICH INCLUDES TIP FOR BUS DRIVER

PAY AT TIME OF BOARDING

Need Valid Drivers License, I D Card or Passport

YOU MUST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS:

Carol Goss: 714-978-2161 Cell 714-473-2451

Alice Pugh: 714-532-5984

WE MUST HAVE 45 SIGNED UP TO MAKE THE TRIP

Hello everyone:

I have just been elected as the new President of the American Legion Auxiliary – Unit 132, District 29. Although I was not seeking the position, I am honored that the Auxiliary felt I was worthy of the title. I will do my best to fulfill the duties that come with the position and I hope to have the full support of all the Auxiliary members. I request that if anyone has any issues, questions, or suggestions, that you, please, contact me for a discussion.

Thank you all for your support.

Esther V. Ouellette

American Legion Auxiliary

President

(714) 636-6275

The Auxiliary Unit 132 will accept applications for the **Dawn M Stoller Memorial Scholarship** until May 1, 2011. The Scholarship is for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

Anyone interested should contact Carol Goss, 425 S. Lilac Lane, Orange, CA 92868 or call her at (714)-978-2161 for information concerning qualifications and other eligibility requirements.

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 P.M.	4 Texas Renegades	5
6	7	8	9	10 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Bugle article Deadline!!	11 Tommy Van	12
13	14	15	16 Folding & Labeling Newsletter At Post 3:00 P.M.	17 Post Meeting 7:30 P.M.	18 Tropic Starr	19
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